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Inspection of immigrants at subports of Porto Rico for week ended March 16, 1901

SAN JUAN, P. R., March 18, 1901.

SIR: I submit herewith report of alien steerage passengers arriving during the week ended March 16, 1901, at subports of Porto Rico.

Mayaguez.—March 11, Spanish steamship Martin Saenz, from Genoa, Spanish ports, and San Juan, P. R., with 1 immigrant.

Other subports.—No transactions.

Respectfully,

W. W. KING,

Assistant Surgeon, U.S. M. H.S.,

In Temporary Charge.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,

U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

PORTUGAL.

Proposed reorganization of the Lisbon board of health.

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 19, 1901.

SIR: I have the honor to inclose, for the information of the Supervising Surgeon-General of the Marine-Hospital Service, copy of a dispatch from the United States chargé d'affaires at Lisbon, forwarding a translation of the proposal made to the Portuguese Cortes to reorganize the system pursued at the Lisbon general board of health.

Respectfully,

JOHN HAY, Secretary of State.

Hon. SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY.

[Inclosure in dispatch of February 27, 1901.—Translation.]

Summary of a proposal made on February 22, 1901, to the Portuguese Cortes to reorganize the powers and system now in force at the general board of health and sani-

tation (Direccao geral de saude e beneficencia publica) in Lisbon.

The inspector-general to have, as his staff: Two physicians appointed by the Government, and selected with the advice of the inspector, from the functionaries of the health office. An engineer appointed by the Government from among the sanitary engineers

of the Lisbon sanitary bureau.

The supreme board of public hygiene will exercise consultative functions, giving its opinion on the sanitary questions submitted to it by the Government, its president being the minister and secretary of State for the Department of the Interior, and it shall consist of the director general of the health department, who shall be its vicepresident; the inspector-general of the sanitary department; the directors and professors of hygiene of the faculty of medicine in the medico-chirurgical schools of Lisbon and Oporto; the Lisbon district health officer; the director of the royal bacteriological institute; the inspector of the Lisbon lazaretto; the director of the public board of disinfection at Lisbon; the chief superintendent of the Infirmary at St. Joseph's Hospital; the colonial physicians of the army; the navy inspector of health; the chief inspector of health; the chief officer of the colonial health office.

The supreme board of public hygiene shall assemble in full attendance whenever the minister shall specially convoke the same, and shall meet, in ordinary, at least once a week to discuss and decide upon matters submitted to it by superior authority.

J. H. THIERIOT, Chargé d'Affaires.